Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 22 as follows:

According to the invention, an aqueous slurry comprises

(a) a crystalline aluminosilicate represented by the empirical formula $M_{2/n}O\text{-}Al_2O_3\text{-}xSiO_2\text{-}yH_2O$

wherein M represents a first metal moiety, said first metal having a valency of n, x indicates the ratio of atoms of silicon to atoms of aluminium and y indicates the ratio of molecules of water to atoms of aluminium x indicates the ratio of molecules of silica to molecules of alumina and y indicates the ratio of molecules of water to molecules of alumina,

- (b) a salt of a second metal selected from the group consisting of Group III metals, metallic elements of Group IV, magnesium, titanium, chromium, iron, nickel, copper, zinc, zirconium and silver, said salt of a second metal being present in an amount which is sufficient to replace from about 2.0 to about 40 per cent by weight of the first metal moiety, and
- (c) particulate silica having a BET surface area greater than 500 m²/g and a pore volume, as measured by nitrogen manometry of less than 2.1 cm³/g.